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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1241

Introduced by Assembly Member Matthews

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 69432.6 to the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1241, as amended, Matthews. Student Aid Commission: reports from high schools.

Existing law requires that a grade point average be submitted for all Cal Grant A and B applicants, except for those permitted to provide test scores in lieu of a grade point average.

This bill would require that, on or before March 1 of the year of graduation and the year after graduation, each public or private high school report to the Student Aid Commission the high school grade point average, as defined, of each senior pupil enrolled at the school who, in the determination of the school administration, is potentially eligible for a Cal Grant award and for whom the school has a personal identifier that is acceptable to the commission. Because of this requirement, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program the Student Aid Commission to make an annual report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature and the Superintendent of Public Instruction including the number of grade point averages for pupils enrolled in grade 12 submitted by public and private high schools to the commission. This bill would require the commission to develop and provide to each public and private high school a standardized form that, once signed by a pupil, authorizes the school to submit the grade point average of the pupil to the

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commission. This bill would require each public and private high school to distribute the form to pupils enrolled in grade 12 at the school, as specified. By requiring public high schools to perform additional duties, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 69432.6 is added to the Education 2 Code, to read:

69432.6. On or before March 1 of the year of graduation, and on or before March 1 of the year after graduation, each public or private high school shall report to the Student Aid Commission the high school grade point average, as defined in subdivision (h) of Section 69432.7 and any implementing regulations, of each senior enrolled

69432.6. (a) The Student Aid Commission shall, on or before January 1 of each year, submit a report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature and the Superintendent including the number of grade point averages for pupils enrolled in grade 12 submitted by public and private high schools to the Student Aid Commission.

(b) The Student Aid Commission shall develop and provide to each public and private high school a standardized form that, once signed by a pupil, authorizes the school to submit the grade point average of the pupil to the Student Aid Commission. Each public and private high school shall distribute the form to each pupil enrolled in grade 12 at the school who, in the determination of the school administration, is potentially eligible

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for a Cal Grant award and for whom the school has a personal identifier that is acceptable to the commission.

3 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that 4 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to 5 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division

4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.